

Board Brief summarizes the board meetings of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). It is sent to PHSA agencies, government, media and other stakeholders to keep them informed about the activities of the PHSA.

Summary of April 23, 2009 Board Meeting

Public Presentations and Question and Answer Period

In the spirit of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) provides opportunities for the public to schedule presentations and to ask questions of the board prior to the beginning of every open board meeting.

With our provincial mandate, we circulate our board meetings throughout the province and hold two of these meetings outside of Vancouver each year.

The board did not receive any questions from the public at this event, which was held in Vancouver at 555 Seymour Street.

Presentations

Dr. Adeera Levin, Provincial Executive Director of **BC Renal Agency (BCRA)** and **Dr. Monica Beaulieu**, Medical Lead, Special Projects for **BCRA**, gave a presentation on the Medication Reconciliation (Med Rec) program for chronic care patients. Dr. Beaulieu described the project, why it was important and shared some of the key initiatives to date. According to BCPRA, renal patients are among the highest risk for medication errors, given the number of medications they take and frequency of hospitalizations. Med Rec demonstrates proactive, national leadership with respect to a patient safety initiative for a chronic patient population.

John Andruschak, Vice President, Clinical and Support Services at **PHSA**, gave a presentation on PHSA's health planning for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver. He said the province will be guaranteeing medical services to the Olympic family and, as such, PHSA needs to plan accordingly. He showed how, based on the Olympic experiences in Salt Lake City, medical services were not significantly impacted, but there is still a need to prepare for events such as disease outbreaks, mass casualties and disruptions to PHSA's day-to-day operations in Vancouver. Of note, many road closures may impact our employees in terms of getting to and from work and they may also be affected by lack of parking near our sites.

Board Committee Reports

The **Quality and Access Committee** announced that the final report from Accreditation Canada for BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre and BC Children's Hospital was received. The committee asked that the board congratulate all those who worked on the accreditation project. The committee also mentioned that the next agency to go through accreditation will be the BC Cancer Agency.

The **Governance and Human Resources Committee** reported that PHSA was embarking on its second annual employee engagement survey and will have results from it in October. Lynda Cranston provided a brief update on the ratification of the BCNU agreement and she volunteered to sit on the Quality of Worklife Committee. The committee is also discussing a topic for a board symposium in 2009.

The **Finance Committee** reported that PHSA remained on target for a balanced budget for 2008/09.

The **Audit Committee** reported there was no update.

The **Research Committee** reported that it was working on clarifying its strategic priorities. The committee also mentioned that CFRI was in the process of putting together its five-year strategic research plan and Michael Marchbank was part of the working group representing PHSA. It was also mentioned that BC Cancer Agency does not have a separate research board so research will be integrated in its regular strategic plan.

The committee mentioned the RISE (grant management) system used at UBC, CFRI and C&W. The committee is recommending that BC Cancer Agency implement the RISE system as well.

C&W now has a separate ethics review board. Previously, this function was performed by the UBC ethics review board.

The committee made a motion that the new terms of reference for the Research Committee be accepted. The motion was carried.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the board in public is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 in Prince George.

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